

26 July 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Intelligence

FROM : Chief, Arab States/Israel Branch, OCI

SUBJECT : Meeting of State-Defense-CIA Representatives Regarding
Mechanics of Forwarding Holmes Study to Secretaries
Rusk and McNamara and to the President

1. Participants at the meeting were: State - John Ausland and
Col. Clark of Kohler's office; JCS - Brig. Gen. Sibley; OAS (ISA) -
Mr. Murray; and CIA - [redacted]

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2. A draft airgram (attached) to accompany copies of the
Study to various diplomatic posts was approved. The posts are to
submit comments on the paper to the department by 14 August.

3. I did learn that the drafts of the Study were vetted in
draft by both State and Defense, but CIA did not receive them,
except in an early very rough draft form.

4. Ambassador Holmes wants the study to become a statement
of national policy for the area. Kohler desires to move the
study to the Secretaries level (Rusk and McNamara) fairly quickly
with a memo to them and the President on 1 September, following
approval by the Senior Policy Group on 21 September.

5. I gathered that ISA may have some problems with certain
parts of the Study. There was some question as to whether an IRG
paper known as the "Rockwell Study" on the subject of Soviet
penetration of the Middle East might conflict with the "Holmes
Study." No one in DD/I has ever heard of the "Rockwell Study."
I am procuring a copy.

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